

### REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Re: Specification-The title has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

Re: Claim Objections-Substitute and amended claims are submitted herein with one and one-half spacing on good quality paper.

Re: Claim Rejections-35 USC § 112-Claims 8 and 10 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for phrases in Claim 8, line 11 and Claim 10, line 2.

Re: Claim Rejections-35 USC § 102-Claims 1-3 and 8-12 were rejected as being anticipated by US Patent 6,102,797 to Kail. Kail discloses a method and apparatus using markable game cards for predicting the parameter of outcomes of seasonal sporting events. Information is stored and can be published by electronic display on a computer.

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to incorporate therein meteorological parameters and economic parameters as the real-life parameters. These parameters are neither disclosed by nor obvious from Kail.

Re: Allowable Subject Matter-The Examiner's comments that the only ground for objected to Claims 4-7 and 13-16 was for their being dependent on rejected base claims and that they contained allowable subject matter. The amendments to Claims 1 and 8 render these claims generic to Claims 4-7 and 13-16, respectively, thereby presenting all of Claims 1-16 in allowable form.

For the reasons set forth above it is respectfully that this application be reconsidered and Claim 1-16 allowed.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to discuss any further matters considered to be necessary to place this application in condition for allowance or simplify issues.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert L. Stone", written over a horizontal line.

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